

29 September 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : Salaries for Six Deputy Directors of the Central Intelligence Agency

1. On 9 September the CIA Career Council considered the problem of the establishment of six positions of Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. These positions were to rank directly below the positions of Director of Central Intelligence and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. The incumbents of these positions would be the Deputy Director/Plans, Deputy Director/Intelligence, Deputy Director/Support, the Special Assistant to the Director for Planning and Coordination, the Inspector General, and the General Counsel. It was proposed that these positions should receive compensation at the rate prescribed by law for Assistant Secretaries of Executive Departments.

2. The General Counsel has rendered an opinion that these six positions can be established by the Director at such salary rates as he deems appropriate under his present statutory authorities, without need for additional legislation. The main drawback for securing legislative approval of these proposals would be that the Senate might require Senatorial confirmation of appointees to these statutory positions. From the standpoint of security this would not be desirable.

3. It was the opinion of the Career Council that legislation to establish these positions would be undesirable, but that you might wish to discuss the subject with the White House or the Bureau of the Budget to secure their views on any policy aspects of the problem.

4. As a matter of precedent, attention is invited to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 which authorizes the Atomic Energy Commission to establish not to exceed 10 divisions within the Commission, each to be headed by a Director appointed by the Commission with compensation at a rate not in excess of \$16,000 per annum. (This is \$1,000 per annum in excess of the current salary of Assistant Secretaries.) The Act further provides for the position of General Counsel and a Director of an Inspection Division (analogous to our Inspector General) who shall also be compensated at \$16,000 per annum.

5. Public Law 250 of the 84th Congress, which established the organization of the Department of State, provides that the Legal Advisor of the Department shall rank equally with and receive the same salary

as Assistant Secretaries of State. Similar provision has been made for the General Counsel of the Department of Defense to rank with the Assistant Secretaries of that Department.

6. Legislation to accomplish these purposes has been prepared in case it is needed. A draft is attached herewith together with the pertinent provisions of law cited above.

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